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Captain's Cabin

Tom Frenaye, K1KI

Well, everything didn't work out exactly as planned at the last YCCC meeting. There I was all ready to bask in the glory of having helped to convince you that six meetings a year was better than four...

Those plans were met with quite a dose of reality (the vote was 2 to 1 against) and I learned a bit about the way the ARRL Club Competition rules put a stranglehold on a club as large geographically as the YCCC. As a result I sent a letter to the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee (through K1DG) asking that the CAC examine the Club Competition rules. There have been no significant changes to those rules since they were implemented in the mid-1970's. I think it is time to take a look at what effect they have had during the last several years, and to see if they have actually met the goals they were supposed to meet.

In particular, I asked that the rules regarding club members living within 50 miles of the club center be modified. The present rule does not require a member living within 50 miles to attend any meetings at all, while those living farther out must attend 50% of the meetings in a year.

This creates two classes of club members and often means that you never see many of those who live within 50 miles at a club meeting at all. The rules should be the same for both groups.

This won't overcome all of the objections of many of those who did not want to have six meetings per year, but should help eases the way. I don't think we'll ever see the 50% rule dropped from the ARRL Club Competition criteria, ever. I still think the YCCC should meet six times a year, and will be working hard during the 1984-85 contest season to make the meetings even better than they have been in the past. Elsewhere in this issue you'll see the meeting schedule for the next year. Now you'll have few excuses available for missing a meeting!

Don't forget that this is YOUR newsletter. Most of your dues goes for the printing and mailing of the Butt. Make sure it is the best club newsletter around by taking the time to write an article. If you receive the National Contest Journal (and you should be), you already know that the YCCC Scuttlebutt is the one often used as a source of input for quality articles. Keep them coming! Don't forget to use the Butt as a way to sell/buy those things you will need for the upcoming contest season. YCCC members can put in tree advertisements.

Floating

Paul Young, KIXM

Sorry about the small issue. Butt number 50 pretty much exhausted my supply of articles, and being summer nobody is writing much.

Although people are not writing much, there is quite a bit of activity in YCCC. Bill, K1GQ has bought another tower. John K1AR, is replacing his antennas which were damaged with better (larger) hardware, and should be louder than ever. Bill, K1MM is putting up a new Telrex 4 element 20 meter beam. Tom, K1KI last year had is 10, 15, and 20 meter beams on his 90 foot Rohn 25, and his 40-2CD on his 120 foot Rohn 45. What will he do this year?

Although we have been successful at growing ever-larger antenna farms. YCCC is having a problem with getting enough operators. There are stations in the club - large ones, KWs and monobanders, which are not on because there is nobody to operate them. And several people have told me that they would get their stations into shape, but they have not because they can't find operators. We need high school and college students, people who can't afford stations but are willing to spend the time and be guest operators. If you know any, let them know that they would be welcome in the club, and not laughed at for having an HW101. If you have connections around High Schools or Colleges, spread the word that we're looking.

This year I hope to run a series of articles on contesting technique. I've got a couple commitments for articles, and some "I'll write one if other people do". I'm not asking you to give away your secrets, but I would like to have some articles on such subjects as how to pick a band, when to call CQ, how to find multipliers, how to pick a frequency, etc. YCCC has a number of members who are top-flight contesters, and a larger number of members who would like to improve their abilities, and who might be willing to operate more if they could do better at it. YCCC may have the five best contest operators in the world, but we won't be able to win any gavels with only five good scores!

Bearing Maps

Bill Myers, KIGQ

Glenn, K1GW, recently sent me a copy of an unusual "DX Heading Map" prepared by W2HOJ. My first impression was: darn it, here's another screwed up map projection just like the "DX Edge." On reflection, however, I have to admit that not everyone visualizes the world correctly (that is, the same way I do). In fact, some people I know can't tell which way is north even when the sun is out. These people might find the map useful, and others may want to consider purchasing one strictly for its artistic value.

The map is a Mercator projection, as is the DX Edge. In addition to continental and country outlines, the country prefixes are shown wherever there is enough room. The unique feature, however, is a set of dashed curves showing the 36 great circle paths for ten degree increments in bearing. The "origin" for these curves is one of several major US cities, including Boston and New York. There is a separate map for each of these cities. With the HOJ map you can immediately determine heading along the gray line indicated by your DX Edge. [I recommend the KI Edge as the proper way to accomplish this task.]

Included with the map is a table titled "Call to Location List," which turns out to be latitudes and longitudes arranged by prefix for most of the DXCC list. This is interesting, but you can get more complete information (and a better education) by spending a little extra time with a good atlas. On the other hand, the map itself appears to be handdrawn, which is remarkable in this age of computerized-everything. I like it!

The price seems reasonable. For \$5.95, you get both a 22 x 34 inch blueprint and an 11 x 17 inch black and white print, and the table (also 11 x 17). There is also a quantity discount available. Contact William Massey, W2HOJ, P. O. Box 397. Hainesport, NJ 08036, (609) 261-2952.

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CQ WW Rules Changes

Tom Frenaye, KIKI

One of the most interesting things accomplished at the meeting of CQWW Contest Committee members at Dayton was a change in the rule about duplicate QSOs which will become effective this fall. If you have from zero to 1% duplicates left in your log (on a band by band basis), you will be penalized 3 QSOs per duplicate, plus the duplicate itself, for each one. This is the same as previously. Should you be sloppy enough to leave from 1% to 3% duplicates in your log, you may be subject to a 10 for 1 penalty. This is a change from last year. If you forget to check your log at all and leave more than 3% duplicates in it, you will be eligible for disqualification, as you should be.

One of the reasons for strengthening of this rule was apparently because of the excesses of only a couple of multioperator stations in a club the YCCC regularly competes with. It seems someone wrote their duplicate checking program to only find some of the duplicates, and to leave 2.9% duplicates in the log! Of course, if found, that 2.9% could mean an 11.6% reduction, but if the log was not the top score in the category, it was not as likely to get the "full" treatment. Next year they will pay!

Think the ARRL should do the same thing? Contact your ARRL CAC representative - K1DG.

Bearing Maps

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What's a "KI Edge." you ask? It is a set of terminator maps drawn on an azimuthal equidistant projection of the world (better known as a great circle map). A "set" is needed because the shape of the terminator (the day-night boundary) depends on the month, day, and time of day. The YCCC Contest Cookbook contains a set for the ARRL DX contest, along with a detailed discussion of how to use them. The concept was suggested by Tom, K1KI, converted to mathematics by John, WIRR, and to computer plots by me. It appears feasible to prepare a small (10 to 20) set of overlays and a booklet of tables showing which overlay to use and how to orient it for any date/time. This isn't likely to happen unless there is a substantial increase in interest. Perhaps Tom's QST article will help.

Clipper's Log

WPX CW scores

KIVR (+KIEA)	1795/?
KCIF	1756/510
K1RX(KQ2M, op.)	1672/500
KY2P(+KY2O)	1352/485
KZ2S (7 MHz)	659/345
KTIO	256/182
KIAR	387/74
N2WT	156/?

W2YV Summer Bash

For those of you interested in Summer socializing, softball, pizza and beer, radio flea markets, movies, or an IARU Radiosport multi-op effort, the annual W2YV summer bash will be taking place on July 14. There may or may not be directions to Dave's place elsewhere in this issue, as true to form, Dave forgot to sent them. I hope you don't forget the beer, Dave, or you are in BIG trouble!

If you want more information, call Dave, W2YV (phone numbers are in the roster).

Excess Cargo

FOR SALE - ANTENNAS

Hy Gain 205BA 5-el 20 meter beam (still in the box) \$225

Cushcraft 15-4CD 4-el 15 meter beam (never has been used but was outside one winter) \$90

BIG ANTENNA 7-el 20 meter beam on a 58 foot boom (used to be the high antenna at W2PV) \$250

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

YANKEE CLIPPER CONTEST CLUB

The April YCCC meeting was held on 14 April 1984 at the P. N. I. Club in Worcester. Massachusetts. with 47 members attending.

The club welcomed new member Steve Wedge, KT1O.

Saul Abrams reported that he has SOLD his Henry.

KIIU needs a tower crew to help erect his 90-foot tower.

Fred, K2TR, has headsets with boom mikes for \$105 plus \$5 for a transformer to match them to most radios.

See K1OJH for details about AJ1I estate property.

YCCC members generously contributed another \$132 to the fund for AJII's family.

K1KI read a letter from UA1BG, who likes our club OSL cards.

The constitutional amendment to have six meetings a year, sponsored by KIKI and KIAR, was defeated.

The following officers were elected:

President: Tom Frenaye, KIKI Vice Pres.: John Dorr, KIAR

Secy./Treas.: Charlotte Richardson. KQ1F

Paul Young, K1XM, agreed to continue as Scuttlebutt editor.

Order forms for ON4UN's sunrise/sunset table book are available from Scott, N1EE.

Tom. K1KI. brought a bunch of Volunteer Examiner forms. We discussed the possibility of offering exams at our regular meetings, both as an easy way for our members to upgrade, and to attract new members.

N2WT showed slides of Antarctica and KC4AAA.

W3AZD answered questions abour DXCC matters.

The meeting adjourned to Lum's.

Respectfully submitted.

Charlotte L. Richardson, KQ1F Secretary/Treasurer 19 April 1984

YCCC Meeting Dates

Sept. 29. 1984 (at Boxboro)

Dec. 1. 1984 (During 160 contest)

Feb. 9, 1985 (Before ARRL DX CW)

Apr. 6, 1985 (After WPX)

The rumor that warm weather makes the Butt editor cynical is simply not true!

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Lotteries and Other Fun

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People tell me I should operate other than on 40 CW and in contests. Well. I tried it and here's what I found:

An interesting phenomenon which seem to be very popular lately are the 20 meter lotteries. those of you who haven't heard it. the way it works is like this: If you are interested in playing one of these lotteries, you find someone running a lottery and wait until he is looking for more players. They you call, and if he is running a popular lottery, so do a bunch of other people. He gets a few callsigns, and if yours is one of them. you will get to play. When your turn comes, he will call vou, using whatever piece of the call he got. You send him your entire callsign. You turn it over, and then the fun begins. You now have to think of your two digit lucky number. You can play anything, your age, the day or month you were born, whatever. You get a couple seconds of silence to make your final determination. When the person running the lottery says "over", you tell him your lucky number. If it's the one he was looking for, he says "good one" or some similar phrase, and you win your prize - A card from a TL8/STO or maybe even an XU1.

If you find you cannot get through the pileup to play in some of the most popular lotteries, there is an easier way. An example is in order: Recently, there was an expedition to Niger, 5U7. Many people wanted to play for this one, since they had never won a 5U7 card before. The person running the lottery took a few players from one land, a few from two land, etc. Then he took everyone who was around who was a member of his radio club. There were no geographical restrictions on who could join his club, all you had to do was send some money. It's easy, and with some lotteries, since you are a member of the club, they will let you guess a second or even third number, so you can win (they like for you to win).

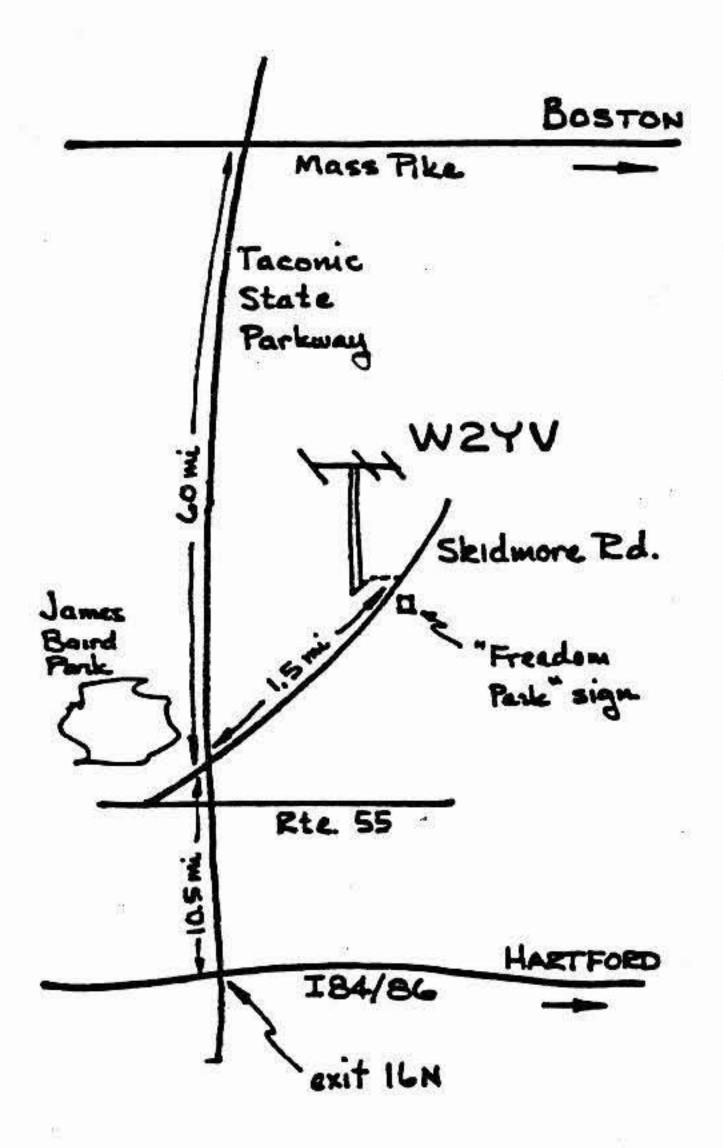
I'm going back to 40 CW, where skill produces QSOs instead of luck and bucks.

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Directions to W2YV

From the archives of the Scuttlebutt, here are the directions to W2YV:

- o From the Mass Pike, get on Taconic State Parkway South, 60 miles to Skidmore Road (about 1 mile past James Baird Park).
- o From CT. East MA, etc., take Interstate 84/86 into NY, get on Taconic State Parkway North (at exit 16N). Skidmore Road is about 10.5 miles from I-84, immediately beyond the second Route 55 exit.
- o Turn east on Skidmore Road and drive 1.5 miles. The W2YV driveway is on the left (sharp turn and up, just past the Freedom Park sign (on the right).



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The Yankee Clipper Contest Club (an ARRL Affiliated Club) holds four official meetings per year, on Saturday afternoons in March/April, October (at the New England Division Convention when possible), November/December, and January/February. Also, W2YV hosts a summer social gathering each July, usually on the second weekend after July 4. Attendance at an official meeting is <u>required</u> in order to become a member. Club members congregate on 3830 Khz Monday evenings; many routinely monitor this frequency other evenings as well.

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